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A news digest for U.S. forces serving overseas

D.C. peace rally gets confrontational

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WASHINGTON — Hundreds of demonstrators rallied Sunday against the possible war with Iraq and “racist witch hunts” by U.S. authorities following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Police swiftly arrested close to a dozen protesters who breached barriers near the White House.

Continuing a weekend of demonstrations after a huge and peaceful rally Saturday, the protesters shouted and waved a U.S. flag with a peace symbol instead of stars in the field of blue.

They then marched toward the White House from their opening rally by the Justice Department, and 10 who climbed over chest-high fencing were pinned to the ground by police and arrested.

Organizers told protesters who wanted to get arrested to mass at the front, setting a



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Andrea Rampella, 22, of Philadelphia, adjusts her Bush mask as she joins other anti-war protesters Sunday in front of the FBI building during the start of the Youth and Student March and Rally in Washington, D.C.

more confrontational tone than was seen at the Saturday demonstration, when tens of thousands rallied and only a few people were taken into custody.

When the marchers met another group of demonstrators waiting at Lafayette Park across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House, there was a surge of enthusiasm

and some began running toward, and over, the barricades blocking that section of the street.

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Inspectors demand more ‘active cooperation’ from Iraq

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Weapons inspectors pressed for full Iraqi cooperation in more than two hours of talks with government officials Sunday, and reported “some progress” in what they called a last-ditch effort to avoid war.

Iraqi officials said nothing following the initial session with chief U.N. arms inspector Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

ElBaradei said “I think we are making some progress,” but refused to elaborate. Another session is set for Monday morning, and the two U.N. officials then depart for Athens.

With U.S. military forces building up in the Persian Gulf, Blix and ElBaradei flew to Baghdad about midday to discuss the status of weapons inspections and urge the Iraqis for more help in proving their claim that they have no more biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

As the U.N. and Iraqi delegations gathered for their talks, aircraft of the U.S.-British coalition that patrols a no-fly zone over southern Iraq struck eight unmanned communications relay stations “in response to Iraqi hostile acts,” the U.S. Central Command said.

It was the first such strike since Friday, but one of hundreds since the patrols began after the 1991 Gulf War drove Iraqi invaders out of Kuwait.

Blix and ElBaradei are to report to the U.N. Security Council on Jan. 27 about the status of the inspections, which resumed in November after a four-year break. Their assessment of Iraq’s cooperation is expected to play a major role in determining whether the crisis over Iraqi weapons can be resolved peacefully.

“We do not think that war is inevitable,” Blix told reporters in Baghdad before the talks. “We think that the inspection process that we are conducting is the peaceful alternative. It requires comprehensive inspections and it requires a very active Iraqi cooperation.”

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Police forced them face down on snowy grass and bound their wrists with plastic handcuffs. A dozen police were on horseback and many more were on the scene, warning people that anyone going over the barricades would be taken into custody.

Police had cleared the way for the march, with several vehicles at the front of the procession.

President Bush was at Camp David, Md., for the weekend.

Protesters wanted to get as close as possible to the White House to protest his Iraq policy.

"Bush is asking for a weapons inspection everywhere else, and it's only fair that his place is inspected, too," said Jodi Hiland, 32, of Minneapolis.

At the opening rally between the Justice and FBI buildings, demonstrators expressed outrage over what they see as overreaching law enforcement tactics since Sept. 11, 2001.

"This is the center of all the racist attacks on people of color that have been happening for so long," said Peta Lindsay, an 18-year-old freshman at Howard University.

Shouting from a megaphone, Lindsay told the crowd that the FBI and Immigration and Naturalization Service are going to universities and demanding files on certain students.

"We will defend ourselves and our brothers from these racist witch hunts," Lindsay said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that the president "is trying every means not to go to war, but the decision to go to war is in the hands of Saddam Hussein."

David Ho of The Associated Press contributed to this report.

States

Gary Hart's re-emergence: Former Colorado Sen. Gary Hart launched a Web site Saturday in another step along a path leading toward the re-emerging Democrat's decision this spring on whether he will run for president.

Hart said on his Web site that Americans want security, both from terrorism and from domestic threats to the economy and the environment. He is delivering a series of policy speeches in the coming weeks, including one set for Tuesday to the Council on Foreign Policy in New York.

Robert Blake trial: Actor Robert Blake's urge to speak out as he awaits a murder trial has cost him two criminal defense attorneys in two months, and already has led him to snap at a third.

But Thomas Mesereau Jr., who has saved downtrodden minority defendants from the death penalty and boxer Mike Tyson from rape charges, says he's not planning to join the game of legal musical chairs. And the outcome of Blake's recent tongue-lashing suggests a difficult celebrity defendant may have found his lawyer.

Blake, 69, former star of the TV show "Baretta," is awaiting trial on charges of shooting his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, 44, to death near a Studio City restaurant, May 4, 2001.

Israeli astronaut: The first Israeli in space, Ilan Ramon, said Saturday he was too busy with science experiments aboard shuttle Columbia to observe the Jewish Sabbath.

Ramon noted that he is secular and did not get any special permission to work on the Sabbath. He spent Friday evening and Saturday conducting research just like his six American crewmates; the shuttle is loaded with more than 80 experiments.

Immigration requirements: The federal government's controversial new requirement that foreign men from many mostly Muslim nations register with U.S. authorities has thus far drawn in al-

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most 24,000 men nationwide — more than one in 10 of whom face possible deportation, according to Justice Department officials.

The registration program, which was extended last week to cover several additional predominately Muslim nations, has resulted in the arrests of three suspected terrorists, said Kris Kobach, counsel to Attorney General John Ashcroft.

World

Venezuelan strike: Immigrants to Venezuela and their descendants planned a march Sunday protesting violence in their adopted country, gripped by a 7-week-old strike against President Hugo Chavez.

The immigrants said the march would be neither pro- nor anti-Chavez — a rare display of independence in this fiercely polarized South American country.

Organizers said speakers would address the crowd at the end of the cross-town march to tell the experiences that prompted them to uproot and seek a new home in Venezuela.

War on terrorism

Yemenis protest arrest: About 600 hundred women protested outside the German Embassy on Sunday, demanding the Berlin government release a former Yemeni lawmaker detained for suspected links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror group.

The women carried banners calling on Germany to return of "our father who feeds the poor," as they designated Mohammed Ali Hassan al-Moayyed.

Praise for Kuwait: The United States on Sunday praised Kuwait for detaining a Kuwaiti soldier on charges of spying for Iraq and said the arrest proves that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein remains a threat to his oil-rich southern neighbor.

A well-connected Kuwaiti newspaper reported this weekend that the alleged spy, Sgt. Mohammed Hamad al-Ju-

wayed of the Kuwaiti National Guards, was working on plans to poison a large number of American soldiers, as well as assassinate Kuwaiti politicians and blow up oil and power facilities.

Accidental bombing hearing: Information on allied troop locations in Afghanistan was "basically nonexistent" for U.S. pilots last spring, when two Air Force pilots mistakenly bombed Canadian soldiers, killing four, the aviators' former squadron commander testified Saturday.

Col. David Nichols said he told his superiors before the April 17 bombing that he was concerned his fighter pilots were ill-informed about coalition troop locations.

Nichols testified for the defense in a military hearing to determine whether Maj. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach should be court-martialed for dropping a 500-pound bomb on the Canadian infantry soldiers, eight of whom were wounded.

Money matters

WorldCom contracts: Bankrupt telecommunications giant WorldCom has canceled contracts that provide revenue to 100 charitable and trade groups, court records show.

Every time a customer signed up for the discounted service, the group received a commission.

The arrangements are called endorsement contracts.

The Jackson-based company negotiated a discounted phone service rate with the groups and then marketed that rate to the groups' members.

Tyson Foods' guilty pleas: Two former Tyson Foods managers pleaded guilty Friday to conspiring to smuggle illegal immigrants from Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras into the United States to work at the poultry plants of the nation's largest meat producer.

The pleas come less than three weeks before Tyson and three other current and former employees are to face trial in the case.

From wire services

Inspections: Program not 'a prelude to war'

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"It's in Iraq's benefit to submit all the evidence it has, so that we can submit positive reports to the Security Council," ElBaradei told reporters. He said the possibility of war "very much depends on progress we make in the next few weeks."

He and Blix, head of the U.N. inspectors specializing in chemical and biological arms, were met at Saddam International Airport by presidential science adviser Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saadi, who later led the Iraqi side in the talks.

Each delegation had 15 members and the two sides faced each other across a conference table.

"We need to show progress because the international community is getting very much

impatient," ElBaradei said in Cyprus before heading to Baghdad. "We need to bring closure to the Iraqi file on weapons of mass destruction."

Blix said the inspection program was not "a prelude to war. It is an alternative to war and that is what we want to achieve. We are not here to humiliate or to insult. We are here to inspect in the best, correct manner."

Those inspections continued Sunday. Experts visited an ammunition plant and university south of Baghdad, a missile factory west of the capital, and a chemical plant and another university campus in Baghdad.

The Bush administration rejects Iraq's assertion that it has no weapons of mass destruction and is moving ships,

planes and tens of thousands of troops to the Gulf to reinforce its warning that it will attack if Iraq doesn't disarm voluntarily.

U.N. inspectors have complained that Iraq failed to disclose required details of its weapons programs in a 12,000-page declaration submitted in December. U.S. officials maintain that Iraq's failure to submit a complete report is evidence that Saddam has no intention of complying with orders to disarm.

U.N. officials have said inspectors have found no conclusive evidence Iraq is holding illegal weapons. However, suspicions were raised by the discovery Thursday of 12 empty chemical warheads and numerous documents found at the home of Iraqi physicist Faleh Hassan.

Opposition group fears chemical attack by Iraq

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DAMASCUS, Syria — An Iraqi Shiite opposition group on Sunday said it has given the United Nations evidence that Saddam Hussein has ordered army chiefs to use chemical weapons in southern Iraq to quell future "uprisings."

Bayan Jabor, the representative of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq for Syria and Lebanon, said information obtained from within Iraq shows that rebellious Shiite Muslims in southern Iraq could be targeted by chemical attacks.

"Specific units of the Iraqi army have been given orders to use chemical weapons," Jabor told the Associated Press. "The information we have is that a popular movement at an inappropriate time will be exposed to chemical weapons."

Iraqi officials have repeatedly denied possessing such weapons, claims rejected by the United States. Iraqi forces have used chemical weapons against Kurds in northern Iraq in 1988 and Iranian forces in their 1980-88 border war.

Jabor did not say whether the Iraqi orders referred to U.S. and British forces, which are gathering in the region ahead of a possible invasion of Iraq over Baghdad's suspected weapons of mass destruction programs.

Jabor's comments follow claims last month by the Tehran-based group's leader, Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim that Saddam is "hiding" weapons from U.N. arms inspectors charged with verifying Iraq's declarations that it no longer possess chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

The opposition group said the United Nations has not responded to its offer.

Jabor said the Iraqi regime

has ordered officials of the ruling Baath Party and Saddam's Fedayeen militia to withdraw from southern Iraq — in the event of fighting and a popular uprising — to the Mahaweel area, 30 miles south of Baghdad, to establish a defensive line to defend the capital.

No-fly zones patrolled by U.S. and British warplanes over southern Iraq have protected Shiite Muslims since the 1991 Gulf War.

Jabor said the opposition believes Iraqi forces could not withstand U.S.-led attacks across Iraq and will limit resistance to the capital, supporting a warning given Friday by Saddam that invaders would face "suicide" at the gates of Baghdad.

The Supreme Council is one of the most active Iraqi opposition groups with some 60,000 fighters in vast marshes near the Iranian border in Iraq's Shiite south and in the northern Kurdish region.

U.S.-Israel maneuvers

LAHAV, Israel — Israeli and U.S. soldiers began joint maneuvers Sunday, as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told his Cabinet the probability of an Iraqi missile attack on Israel is low.

As part of the military drill, a convoy of 30 U.S. military vehicles drove from the southern Negev Desert to central Israel on Sunday. Hundreds of U.S. soldiers are participating in the exercise, which tests Israel's defense against incoming missiles.

Israelis' war jitters heightened after U.N. weapons inspectors last week found empty chemical warheads south of Baghdad. In the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Iraq fired 39 Scud missiles at Israeli cities, all with conventional warheads.

Ex-Taliban asylum?

LONDON — Britain has granted political asylum to a former member of the Taliban militia who fought against British and American soldiers in Afghanistan, the man's lawyer said Sunday.

Attorney Hanif Bhamjee, who practices in Cardiff, Wales, said the Afghan man, whom he declined to identify, had fled his country after the Taliban was ousted in November 2001. He received permission to remain in Britain about eight months ago because he feared his life would be in danger if he returned home, said Bhamjee, who did not specify who the man believed might harm him.

Philippine training

MANILA, Philippines — U.S. special operations forces and Air Force instructors are set to resume counterterrorism training of the Philippine military, a U.S. general said Saturday.

Brig. Gen. Donald Wurster, commander of the Hawaii-based Special Operations Command, said about 200-300 U.S. servicemembers will train with six light infantry battalions of the Philippine army and marines starting early next month in southern Zamboanga city.

Philippine air force pilots also will be trained in night operations, he said.

From The Associated Press

U.S. general knows about Arab world

BY JESSICA GUYN

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — If the United States goes to war with Iraq, it will have its own secret weapon: the highest-ranking U.S. military officer with extensive knowledge of the Arab world.

Lt. Gen. John Abizaid was nominated last week to be the second-ranking officer of the U.S. Central Command and will be based at the command's field headquarters in Qatar. A combat veteran who's fluent in Arabic, Abizaid will command all American ground troops under Army Gen. Tommy Franks, the commander of all U.S. forces in the Middle East.

"John is the kind of person you want commanding your

soldiers," said retired Army Lt. Gen. Dan Christman, a former West Point superintendent who recruited Abizaid as commandant of cadets in 1997.

"John's skills complement perfectly the skills Gen. Franks has, and John's are precisely the skills you need to have some place on your staff if you are going into Iraq in the next several months."

Abizaid, 51, is returning to familiar terrain. Of Lebanese descent, he studied at the University of Jordan on a prestigious Olmsted scholarship for military officers and commanded an infantry battalion that undertook relief efforts in northern Iraq after the Persian Gulf War.

He also served with the United Nations as an opera-

tions officer for the Observer Group in Lebanon.

"Very few people have his knowledge of the area where he will be operating, not just theoretical knowledge, but practical knowledge," said retired Army Gen. John Shalikashvili. "He is also one of those very rare individuals who can with ease operate with the lowest privates and with the most senior military personnel and heads of state."

Abizaid's understanding of the political and cultural topography of the Middle East and the connections he has forged with many of its leaders impressed Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, who consults Abizaid on such matters, said a retired military official who asked to not be identified.

U.S. would approve of exile for Saddam

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WASHINGTON — Top Bush administration officials said Sunday they would welcome Saddam Hussein seeking exile outside Iraq, saying it could avert military action to topple the Iraqi president.

Also, Secretary of State Colin Powell went to the New York headquarters of the United Nations to meet with foreign ministers of Security Council members about Saddam and the Iraq problem.

"To avoid a war, I would be personally — would recommend that some provision be made so that the senior leadership in that country and their families could be provided haven in some other country," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said on ABC's "This Week."

"And I think that that would be a fair trade to avoid a war."

On "Fox News Sunday," Rumsfeld said Iraq's Arab neighbors are urging Saddam to step down and go into exile in a bid to prevent war. "It would be a good thing for the world if he left," Rumsfeld said. But Saddam and Iraqi Cabinet ministers have said they would fight to the end.

Powell said exile would bring about what the United States has sought since the Clinton administration: a change of leadership in Iraq.

"And the challenge before us then would be to see whether or not that new regime would commit itself to eliminating weapons of mass destruction, satisfying the international community that they are interested in the welfare of their people and not in threatening their own people or threatening their neighbors," Powell said. "And we would have had an entirely new situation presented to the international community, and we might be able to avoid war."

Most of the 15 Security Council members remain opposed to using the military soon, regardless of the contents of a report to the council next Monday by weapons inspectors.

A senior official said Powell was to meet separately with seven ministers, including those of Germany, Mexico and the permanent members China, France and Russia. The official said Powell is trying to agree with his colleagues on a course of action after the Jan. 27 report is in hand.

Also Sunday, American and British planes bombed eight unmanned sites that are part of Iraq's military air defense command and control system, U.S. Central Command said in a statement.

The strikes came after Iraqi air defense forces fired anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles at coalition planes patrolling the southern no-fly zone over Iraq, according to the statement.

Tokyo praises behavior of U.S. troops on Okinawa

BY DAVID ALLEN

Stars and Stripes

NAHA, Okinawa — A Tokyo official praised the U.S. military here recently, pointing out that Americans on Okinawa commit fewer crimes per capita than the local population.

Just before departing Okinawa for his next Foreign Ministry assignment, Hiroshi Hashimoto, the ambassador for Okinawa Affairs, said U.S. military officials are working hard to prevent crimes by servicemembers.

During a news conference for the Japanese media, he said the number of crimes committed by people on Okinawa who are under the status of forces agreement had "dropped remarkably" in the 30 years since the United States returned the island prefecture to Japan.

"The per capita crime rate of servicemembers involved in recent days is lower than that of the Okinawa people in general, and the crime rate of servicemembers itself is much lower than that of those days before reversion," he said. "That is an objective fact."

Hashimoto, who held the

Okinawa post for two years, is expected to be named ambassador to Austria. "I believe it is important to acknowledge the effort being made by military officials," he said.

However, he conceded that Okinawans are less tolerant of crimes by American servicemembers, despite the drop in the number of incidents. "Reducing the U.S. military presence on Okinawa is a critical issue," he said. "So the people's tolerance for incidents and accidents by military members is much lower than it was in the past."

Hashimoto said Okinawa was vital to the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty and Tokyo would "continue to ask the military for their continued effort for zero tolerance of heinous crime and reducing other criminal offenses" committed by servicemembers.

Hashimoto did not refer to any specific figures during the news conference.

According to statistics compiled by Okinawa police, the number of crimes committed by Americans has increased slightly over the past three years, but most were misdemeanors. Approximately 50,000 Americans live on Okinawa as part of the U.S. mili-

tary community. In 2001, the last year for which complete crime statistics were available, they were charged with 70 incidents, or 1.3 percent of the total reported crimes on Okinawa. That's 0.14 crimes for every 100 Americans on Okinawa.

Okinawa police reported 5,198 crimes committed by Okinawans in 2001, for a rate of 0.4 per 100 people. Crimes included in the figures range from serious felonies, such as murder and rape, to minor thefts.

Okinawa officials have expressed their concern about the increase of crimes committed by Americans over the past five years and have demanded the military increase efforts to control the behavior of troops off base. In 1997, for example, SOFA-status Americans committed just 44 crimes, according to police statistics. But the total has been on the increase since then.

The 70 crimes reported in 2001, however, are still far below the 219 crimes attributed to Americans in 1972, the year Okinawa reverted to Japan, and the 342 reported in 1977, the highest since reversion.

But Okinawa Gov. Keiichi

Inamine said Friday that issues involving U.S. troops in Okinawa prefecture should be considered on the basis of the war and postwar events, not simply by numerical comparisons, The Japan Times reported.

"Instead of the simple comparison of just numbers, it is necessary for us to look at the long history of 58 years" of U.S. forces being stationed in Japan, Inamine said at a news conference. The U.S. military bases "are not something that Okinawa itself desired," Inamine said. "The most basic thing is that there should not be even one accident caused by the U.S. troops."

Okinawa anti-base groups also objected to Hashimoto's remarks, saying they illustrated the "discriminative view Tokyo has toward Okinawa."

"The pain and burden the Okinawan people are forced to undertake are of minute importance and the incidents and accidents servicemembers commit here are insignificant matters to them," Shiko Sakiyama, chairman of the Okinawa Peace Activity Center, told the Okinawa Times.

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Three airmen help save life after seeing wreck

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Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Three Air Force members — in the right place at the right time with the right know-how — helped save a Japanese woman seriously injured in an auto accident Wednesday.

They were stopped at a traffic light in Okinawa City when a car going sideways with screeching wheels slid through the intersection trying to navigate a 90-degree right-hand turn. It fishtailed three times before ramming a guardrail that sliced through the car, peeling back the passenger door where the woman sat.

"It came around the corner pretty fast," recalled Staff Sgt. Michael Maroney, a pararescueman with Kadena's 353rd Special Operations Group.

"If they had been going a little bit faster, she would have been decapitated from the blunt trauma to the guardrail," added Maroney, who said he saw the woman's head whip-lash out the window.

Tech. Sgt. Frank Hill immediately jumped out of the truck Maroney was driving and ran to the crash. "I knew it was bad," said Hill, an MC-130H flight engineer also with the 353rd SOG.

The impact was like going from 60 to zero in no time, he added. "That car was going about as fast as those spinning tires would let it go sideways. There was a lot of energy and momentum."

When he got to the car, Hill said, the Japanese driver was shaking the unconscious woman, who was bleeding from the mouth. Not knowing Japanese, Hill said he grabbed the driver, looked him in the eye and motioned not to move the woman, who he feared might have serious internal or spinal injuries.

The dashboard had been pushed inward, pinning the woman, whose arm and clothing were sandwiched along with the door and guardrail. "She came very close to having her arm ripped from her torso, and her head would have been the next thing to go," Hill said.

In slicing through the car, the guardrail caught the woman's clothing and cinched it around her neck, constricting her breathing, Hill said. Everything was such a tangled mess, it was impossible to free her, he added.

Maroney, a nationally registered paramedic, had his medical rucksack with him and

pulled out a pair of specialized trauma scissors strong enough to cut through metal.

He passed them to Capt. Christian Lichter, who had climbed inside the car through the driver's door. The woman's face began turning blue and purple from lack of oxygen as Lichter worked to cut the clothes.

Lichter, an aircraft commander with the 353rd SOG, said the clothing was so bunched up it was similar to cutting through rope.

If the airmen had not been there to cut away the clothing, "she would have stopped breathing," said Hill. "I don't believe she would have made it."

Maroney concurred.

Hill said a group of men from a nearby car lot brought a jack to pull the car off the guardrail. "But, nah, it wasn't going anywhere. It was impaled," he said.

By the time Japanese police and paramedics arrived on the scene 10 to 15 minutes later, the woman's pulse had stopped, said Maroney. "The longer we were there, the weaker she got."

An ambulance crew put the woman on oxygen but couldn't move her until Japanese firemen arrived with the Jaws of Life to cut the vehicle away from the guardrail. The process took so long, Maroney feared the woman was going to die.

She never regained consciousness during the ordeal, though her color and pulse came back when she was liberated from the twisted metal.

As a pararescueman, Maroney has had to provide all types of medical treatment to servicemembers in fairly remote locations under austere conditions. He just returned from a paramedic course in New Orleans, where he saw some pretty severe accidents with cars flipped over, people ejected and cars completely mangled. "But I've never seen one where the car and the victim become one with the guardrail."

The airmen said they felt as if it was providential they were at the crash scene at that point.

"We were meant to be there. God wanted us there," said Maroney. "If you're going to have an accident, you might as well have a paramedic around."

Hill said he visited Chubu Hospital on Thursday to check on the woman, who was still in intensive care, where she remained Friday as well.

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Land mine dispute

SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. military officials released a statement Saturday disputing recent media reports claiming there are land mines buried on U.S. bases in South Korea.

The Chosun Ilbo reported Jan. 15 that land mines are buried at nine U.S. bases, including Camp Red Cloud, 2nd Infantry Division headquarters, and in former U.S. Forces Korea-controlled areas, such as Mount Keumoh in Gyeongsang Province.

"Those articles contain inaccurate information," according to the USFK news release.

The media reports were based on results of an investigation by the Korea Campaign to Ban Landmines, which consists of about 30 civic groups. The KCBL said it gathered information from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade documents, Korean War records, witness and victim testimonies, and base staff interviews.

The release also disputes the claim USFK did not provide information to South Korean officials.

Ex-base awaits fate

CUTLER, Maine — The group authorized by Congress to transfer the former Cutler naval base to another user is expected to make a decision during the next few months.

The proposals include one for a residential drug treatment center, another for vacation time-shares and a third for seasonal homes and commercial tenants.

Those proposals are for 80 oceanfront acres that are outside the area that includes the 1,200-foot-tall very low-frequency towers and the 26 high-frequency towers that serve as communications links between the Pentagon and Navy airplanes and submarines.

The nonprofit Maine Lighthouse Corp. hopes to use the base housing units and the 22 structures in the administration area for a drug treatment facility that would serve more than 330 people.

From staff and wire reports

King family: Don't wait for another leader, take action

BY LOUISE CHU
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — In the 34 years since Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, people have watched for a new leader to emerge who could carry the banner for political and social justice with as much influence among American blacks.

But as the nation commemorates the civil rights leader's life, his family and activists say counting on a single charismatic figure may be counterproductive.

"I think that what Martin would be happy with is that every person would follow his teachings and not depend on a leader," said his widow, Coretta Scott King. "What he wanted to do was elevate the whole of human kind and [have] individuals understand that they can make a difference."

King's eldest son urges people not to wait but to each push for solutions to the problems that hit black communities particularly hard, such as health-care costs, the growing gap between the rich and poor and the disappearance of affirmative action programs.

"Men or women who are like Martin Luther King Jr. are rare," Martin Luther King III said. "I don't believe we have the luxury to wait around until a Martin Luther King Jr. emerges."

The focus for black activism has changed over the years as well, widening so much in the past three decades that no single leader could have the overwhelming influence King had before his assassination in 1968, some activists say.

"I think that phase of the one leader is beyond us now, and rightfully so," said Alvin Williams, head of Black America's Political Action Committee, a Washington-based conservative lobbying group. "During that time, African-Americans were much more similar in their backgrounds and struggles. But today, we're in all facets of American society."

The Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, as well as other leaders, have had success with many issues, yet their overall impact has never rivaled King's. Sharpton's recent announcement that he would seek the Democratic presidential nomination in 2004 has drawn little interest.

Australians return to burned-out homes

BY MIKE CORDER
The Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — Hundreds of people began sifting through the charred remains of their homes on the outskirts of Australia's capital Sunday after wildfires swept through the region, killing four people and destroying at least 388 homes.

The fires, which hit the Canberra area on Saturday, forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes. At least 240 people, including some who used garden hoses and buckets to protect their property, were treated for burns and smoke inhalation.

"I have been to a lot of bush-fire scenes in Australia ... but this is by far the worst," Prime Minister John Howard said.

The fires were contained by late Sunday, though they still smoldered in some areas and authorities feared the wind could rekindle the flames.

Police patrolled charred and deserted neighborhoods amid isolated reports of looting. Smoke and embers drifted across the city of 320,000 people.

"We just got a few precious

things out and the family dog, and within two minutes the house was just gone," said resident Tony Walter. "It just exploded."

In Duffy district, Chris Houghton surveyed the charred ruins of his home.

"I was in the back yard and the heat got me. I was just burning," said Houghton, who was treated for burns to his hands.

"It all happened so quickly."

John Stanhope, chief minister of the territory that includes Canberra, estimated the cost of the damage in the hundreds of millions of dollars. "It is a day of enormous sadness," Stanhope said. "What we experienced today is a once in 100 years or 200 years experience."

Most of the fires were caused by lightning strikes a week ago in a nearby national park, but authorities didn't rule out the possibility that some were later set by arsonists.

Australia is experiencing a drought that has left much of the countryside vulnerable to fire. Once fires start, they roar through dry undergrowth and oily eucalyptus trees.

Lost pilot lands copter at Andrews

The Associated Press

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — An apparently lost student pilot trying to reach a civilian airport about 10 miles away landed his helicopter at Andrews Air Force Base on Saturday, authorities said.

A statement from the 89th Airlift Wing, the outfit that manages the presidential fleet, said the unauthorized landing occurred at about 5 p.m. and was met immediately by security personnel.

Initial indications are that the pilot, who carried a Swiss passport and other identification, was lost and was attempt-

ing to land at Indian Head Airport, about 10 miles from Andrews, the statement said.

However, the FBI and Air Force Office of Special Investigations were called in to investigate.

The statement said the pilot and his aircraft remained at Andrews several hours after the incident.

There was no indication what would happen to the pilot or his aircraft, or when.

Typically, pilots involved in such incidents are released after thorough questioning and their cases referred to the Federal Aviation Administration for possible administrative action for not following proper procedures.

South Asia cold snap kills 1,490

NEW DELHI, India — More than 70 people died in northern India as chilly winds bore down from the Himalayas, taking the death toll in South Asia's monthlong cold spell close to 1,500.

At least 1,490 people have died from the cold in India, Bangladesh and Nepal, officials said Saturday.

Sixty-three people died Friday in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, where the death toll since Dec. 20 now stands at 645, a state home ministry official said on condition of anonymity.

Another 71 have perished, 11 of them Friday, in the eastern state of Bihar.

The Bangladesh government has reported 727 deaths, while 47 people have died in the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal.

Inadequate heating facilities and lack of warm clothing make the poor vulnerable to such conditions. Cold temperatures were accompanied by dense fog that reduced visibility, halting or delaying flights and trains in many parts of northern India.

The weather office in the Indian capital, New Delhi, reported a rise in night temperature on Thursday and Friday to 44 degrees Fahrenheit, but officials said the weather was unlikely to get better over the weekend.

From The Associated Press

U.S. envoy dangles aid to North Korea

BY JAE-SUK YOO

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — President-elect Roh Moo-hyun did not mean to suggest that U.S. leaders considered attacking North Korea over its nuclear activities, a spokesman said Sunday, as diplomatic efforts to resolve the standoff intensified.

A top Russian envoy presented North Korean leaders with a plan to settle the dispute, and the U.S. ambassador to South Korea said Washington would consider a wide range of aid to the impoverished, communist North.

The Russian plan envisions security guarantees for North Korea and a resumption of economic aid in return for its commitment to keep the Korean peninsula nuclear-free. Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov told Russia's Itar-Tass news agency that a reply from Pyongyang was expected Monday.

In Seoul, U.S. Ambassador

Thomas Hubbard said the United States intends to take the lead in defusing the crisis but wants other nations to play a large role.

"We don't see North Korea as exclusively a U.S. problem," Hubbard told South Korea's largest broadcaster, KBS. "Its nuclear threat is not just a threat to the United States, it's a challenge to the entire international system." Hubbard also repeated the possibility of aid for the North.

"If they satisfy our concerns about the nuclear programs, we are prepared to consider a broad approach that would entail, in the final analysis, some economic cooperation, perhaps in the power field," he said. "We are prepared to go beyond food aid."

His comments on a Sunday morning talk show came amid mounting international pressure for Washington to engage North Korea in direct talks.

Roh has urged Washington to "actively" take part in dialogue, and Losyukov characterized the crisis as mainly a problem between North Korea and the United States.

Complicating diplomatic efforts, Roh — who was elected Dec. 19 — said on Saturday that U.S. officials last month discussed attacking North Korea.

"In fact, the time I was campaigning and getting elected, U.S. hard-liners, people in very responsible positions in the U.S. administration, were talking about the possibility of attacking North Korea and the possibility of war," Roh told a panel of university professors on KBS-TV, according to a transcript.

But a spokesman, Lee Nak-yeon, said foreign media misinterpreted the remarks, prompting the White House to stress that President Bush wants a peaceful solution to the dispute.

The spokesman said Roh had referred generally to

media reports at that time about a possible attack on North Korea, and was not saying that U.S. officials seriously considered a military option.

"The misunderstanding was created because some foreign media and U.S. press, using this material, reported as if Roh said the possibility of attacking North Korea had been discussed, considered or planned within the U.S. administration," Lee said. "This is an imprecise quotation and can distort his intentions."

Lee said Roh, who takes office next month, was "well aware" that Bush had no intention of invading North Korea and was willing to resolve the nuclear crisis peacefully.

Pyeongyang on Sunday rejected calls to have the U.N. Security Council intervene in the current dispute, saying the nuclear crisis a decade ago was solved through direct talks with the United States and that this one can be settled the same way.

Richard Crenna dies at 75

Richard Crenna, the Emmy award-winning character actor who starred as a lovesick teenager on "Our Miss Brooks" and Sylvester Stallone's Green Beret mentor in the "Rambo" films, has died. He was 75.

Crenna, whose credits also included "Wait Until Dark," "The Flamingo Kid," and television's "The Real McCoys," died Friday of pancreatic cancer at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, daughter Seana Crenna said Saturday.



Crenna

"This came very sudden," she said.

Crenna's role on the CBS drama series "Judging Amy" was recently put on hold as he battled cancer.

"He was one of the brightest, nicest, funniest and most talented actors I've ever worked with," Sylvester Stallone said Saturday. "He was everyone's friend."

Crenna often played tough guys on screen, but at home he rarely lost his sense of humor, his family said.

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"Even after 46 years, he had me laughing, even in the hospital," his wife, Penni Crenna, said Saturday.

Born in Los Angeles, Crenna's career began at the age of 10 when he broke into radio. The squeaky-voiced youngster appeared on "Burns and Allen."

Most recently, he appeared as the love interest opposite Tyne Daly on CBS' "Judging Amy." An episode featuring a wedding between the two characters was recently postponed because of Crenna's illness.

Crenna is survived by his wife and three adult children.

Nets games get real

The New Jersey Nets are trying their own version of the popular "American Idol" reality TV show, with comedian Joe Piscopo as host.

The grand-prize winner on "New Jersey Idol" will receive the use of a recording studio's time and facilities to record a demo cassette or CD; a session valued at \$5,000.

"We might be able to find the next Bruce Springsteen, the next Lauryn

Hill, the next Queen Latifah," said Piscopo, who appeared on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" in the 1980s.

Contest hopefuls, ages 18 to 34, will be asked to submit a vocal rendition of a song recorded a cappella.

The judges will pick four singers to perform at the halftime of eight Nets games, starting Jan. 29.

Madonna to drive sweeps

Madonna will make her episodic TV series debut in May on NBC's "Will & Grace."

She's just one of the big names being called on by the sitcom to help juice up ratings during upcoming "sweeps" months, which are used to help set local advertising rates.

Demi Moore and Minnie Driver also will guest star on "Will & Grace," NBC said Friday. In February, Moore will play a former baby sitter to Jack (Sean Hayes) who meets up with him again.

In another February episode, Driver plays a woman who romances Karen's former husband and then really makes Karen (Megan Mullally) angry by be-friending pal Jack.

From The Associated Press

V. Williams, Henin-Hardenne advance to women's quarters

BY PHIL BROWN

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Venus Williams had Nicole Pratt sprawling and sighing.

Justine Henin-Hardenne was in pain and fearing she was finished.

Both advanced to the quarterfinals of the Australian Open on Sunday as Henin-Hardenne came back from 1-4 and a late painful cramp to beat Lindsay Davenport 7-5, 5-7, 9-7 in 3 hours, 13 minutes.

Williams stayed on course for a fourth straight Grand Slam final against sister Serena by beating Pratt 6-3, 6-2 in 1:17.

Venus had to save 11 break points and committed 33 errors, but she offset them with 35 winners.

Meanwhile, three-time men's champion Andre Agassi had an easy path to the quarterfinals when Argentina's Guillermo Coria withdrew with a foot injury after Agassi pulled ahead 6-1, 3-1.

Henin-Hardenne, the fifth seed, went all out to win her battle with the American Davenport, who was seeded ninth. "I thought I was going to die but I

played it with my heart and just went for it," said Henin-Hardenne, the runner-up at Wimbledon in 2001.

In the next-to-last game, "I was cramping and then I thought the match was over for me."

Henin-Hardenne took advantage of her speed and her opponent's errors to take the first set and go up 4-1 in the second.

But Davenport won 10 of the next 12 games, moving to a 4-1 lead in the final set. After Henin-Hardenne broke serve three times for 5-all — rebounding from 40-15 in the eighth game — Davenport saved a match point in the 14th and reached 7-all.

Then, serving at 0-15, Henin-Hardenne fell to the court, holding her left leg. After treatment, she came back and served an ace, held for 8-7 and then broke Davenport again, winning with an inside-out forehand serve return.

It was her first victory in six meetings with Davenport, a former No. 1 who has won three majors, including the 2000 Australian.

Henin-Hardenne said that second-serve ace at 0-15 "was amazing."

Henin-Hardenne next plays Spain's

Virginia Ruano Pascual, a 6-3, 6-3 winner over Czech player Denisa Chladkova.

Venus Williams now faces a quarterfinal against No. 7 Daniela Hantuchova, who extended her to three sets in the third round last year, and a possible semifinal against Henin-Hardenne.

Hantuchova, a 19-year-old from Slovakia, beat No. 12 Patty Schnyder 7-5, 6-3.

Serena, the world's top-ranked player and winner of the past three majors, plays her fourth-round match Monday against 18th-seeded Eleni Daniilidou of Greece. Serena missed last year's Australian with an ankle injury before beating Venus in the title matches at the French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open.

Pratt, an Aussie ranked 54th, had the center court crowd behind her as she strained to reach every ball against Venus.

In the fourth game, Williams caught her sitting back on her heels with a forehand blast right at her as Pratt charged the net.

In the seventh game, Pratt sprawled wide to return a serve and scrambled up too late to reach Williams' next shot.

Several times when Pratt thought she had a point, Williams hit a winner past her on an all-out sprint.

Pratt berated herself for failing to convert game points, but added: "She stepped it up. She hit some great shots at times I thought I played almost the perfect point."

Venus later joined Serena in a third-round doubles match, and the top-ranked sisters defeated Martina Navratilova and Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-2, 6-3.

Hantuchova, who reached her third consecutive Grand Slam event quarterfinal, went all out in her match, spraying 39 errors while hitting 27 winners. She was helped by 27 misses by Schnyder, who had won three of their five previous meetings.

On the men's side, No. 4 Juan Carlos Ferrero, the French Open runner-up, advanced with a 6-0, 6-3, 6-2 victory over 18-year-old Mario Ancic of Croatia.

Ferrero next meets Wayne Ferreira, who beat Armenian Sargis Sargsian 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Agassi will play 2001 semifinalist Sebastian Grosjean, a 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 winner over Spain's Felix Mantilla. It was Mantilla's fourth consecutive five-set match of the tournament.

Wallace suspended for seven games

NEW YORK — Trail Blazers forward Rasheed Wallace was suspended Saturday for seven games without pay for confronting and threatening a referee outside the Rose Garden in Portland.

Referees mentioned the confrontation in a routine report filed after Portland's 100-92 victory over Memphis on Wednesday.

"He accosted a referee and threatened him," NBA senior vice president Stu Jackson said during a conference call Saturday.

Jackson refused to elaborate on the confrontation, which happened after the game in the arena's loading dock, where players and other game personnel park their cars.

"We strongly believe the penalty that we issued was appropriate for Rasheed's actions," Jackson said.

Jackson said there was no physical contact between Wallace and referee Tim Donaghy.

The Trail Blazers had no immediate comment. Portland played Minnesota on Saturday night at the Rose Garden.

Wallace can appeal the suspension. His agent, Bill Strickland, did not immediately return phone messages left at his office on Saturday.

Hill back on injured list

ORLANDO, Fla. — Grant Hill is out of action once again.

The Orlando Magic placed the six-time All-Star forward on the injured list Saturday because of chronic pain in his surgically repaired left ankle, and there was no timetable for his return.

Hill has played in 29 of 41 games this season, averaging 14.5 points, 7.1 rebounds and 4.2 assists.

But he's been limited to playing in only four of the team's 11 games since Christmas. He left after 12 minutes Thursday against Washington.

Webber: Nothing new in grand jury charges

LOS ANGELES — Chris Webber, facing additional charges for allegedly lying to a grand jury about a Michigan basketball booster, said Saturday there's nothing new in the indictment.

"It's the same thing as it's always been. That's the only comment I have. That's all I have to say about that situation," the Sacramento star said before the Kings' game against the Clippers.

The new indictment Friday charged Webber, father Mayce Webber Jr., and aunt Charlene Johnson with

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nine counts, including conspiracy to obstruct justice and perjury.

They are accused of lying to a federal grand jury about their dealings with former Wolverines booster Eddie Martin in 1988-93.

Martin claimed he gave \$616,000 to Webber and three other Wolverines players while they were amateurs. Martin, who pleaded guilty to illegal gambling, said he gave Webber and his family \$280,000. Webber said he received only pocket money from Martin.

The player was indicted Sept. 9, and later said he would "fight this case to the end, and I feel that I will be vindicated."

Japanese team intent on keeping OF Millar

TOKYO — Chunichi Dragons owner Junnosuke Nishikawa indicated Sunday he has no intention of sending outfielder Kevin Millar to the Boston Red Sox any time soon.

Millar signed a \$6.2 million, two-year contract with the Dragons last week but told The Boston Globe on Friday that he wanted to play for the Red Sox instead of the Dragons.

"I'm not worried about anything," Nishikawa told Kyodo News Sunday. "Millar himself said 'It's another thing if the Dragons trade me but I am now a Chunichi player.'"

Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein, reportedly trying to work out a deal with the Central League club, originally offered outfielder Benny Agbayani along with \$1.2 million in exchange for Millar.

The Red Sox have since signed Agbayani to a one-year deal.

Florida put Millar on waivers to get him off the Marlins' 40-man roster. Boston claimed him, but Millar, as a veteran player, had the right to reject the claim and did.

The 31-year-old Millar hit .306 with 16 homers and 57 RBIs last season. He also had a 25-game hitting streak.

Millar has a .296 batting average with 59 homers and 251 RBIs in five major league seasons, all with Florida. He is expected to arrive in Japan at the end of January.

Kwan wins seventh U.S. title

DALLAS — With the way Michelle Kwan keeps piling up national championships, should the Olympics really matter?

Kwan reasserted herself Saturday night with the style and perfection that has marked her illustrious career, winning her sixth straight U.S. Figure Skating Championships title and seventh overall.

Only one of the sport's legends, Maribel Vinson, has more, with nine. Kwan now has as many titles as any U.S. man, and she also owns four world crowns.

She will go after her fifth in Washington in March. So even with Olympic gold lacking — Kwan owns a silver and a bronze — there is no arguing her dominance on ice.

She received a 6.0 for artistry, her 28th perfect mark at nationals, along with six 5.9s. Her program, to "Aranjuez," was spotless, including six triple jumps that were so smooth they seemed automatic.

Just like the way she collects national titles.

Olympic champion Sarah Hughes, in her first significant event of the season, moved up from third to second with a flowing routine that featured five triple jumps and a huge sigh of relief when she was done. Hughes was the first American woman to win Olympic gold and then skate at the next national championships.

Sasha Cohen, the most successful skater this season with three victories, two on the Grand Prix circuit, fell once, two-footed other jumps and slipped to third. It was reminiscent of her shaky showing in the free skate at the Olympics, when she dropped from third to fourth.

Walton stars in Senior Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. — Notre Dame's Shane Walton returned a fourth-quarter interception 99 yards for a touchdown as the North won the Senior Bowl 17-0 on Saturday.

Walton outshined some of college football's biggest offensive names, picking off Texas star Chris Simms' pass at the goal line and racing untouched down the sideline with 9:13 left.

It was the longest return in Senior Bowl history, topping Fred Weary's 97-yarder in 1998.

Penn State's Larry Johnson carried 13 times for a game-high 59 yards for the North and was selected the game's MVP.

The South's star-studded offense was mostly done in by mistakes, with three turnovers and a missed field goal keeping the North's shutout intact.

The defense, led by Walton and Penn State's Michael Haynes, did what nobody could during the regular season: contain Simms, Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer of Southern California and Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury, the nation's leading passer.

From The Associated Press

No. 17 Maryland 87, No. 1 Duke 72

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland made its new arena feel more like home by knocking off No. 1 Duke, the last undefeated team in the country.

Drew Nicholas scored 24 points, and newcomers John Gilchrist and Jamar Smith scored all the points during a 10-0 second-half run that helped the 17th-ranked Terrapins knock off the Blue Devils 87-72 Saturday.

It was the second straight year Maryland prevailed at home when Duke was No. 1, and it came at the new Comcast Center, which sounded a lot like Cole Field House when the final buzzer sounded and the students rushed the floor.

Cole, which opened in 1955 and had a capacity of 14,500, was the place where Maryland beat six No. 1 teams. The 17,950-seat Comcast Center, which opened in November, got its first taste of the Terrapins beating a top-ranked team.

Ryan Randle added 15 points and a career-high 17 rebounds for the Terrapins (10-4, 3-1 ACC).

The defending national champions had a 43-32 advantage in rebounds and went 29-for-31 from the line. Duke (12-1, 3-1) was 9-for-20, including 5-for-13 in the second half.

Dahntay Jones, who had a career-high 26 points for Duke, hit a three-pointer with 14:21 to play that tied it for the last time at 53.

After Maryland's 10-0 run, the Blue Devils went 5:55 without a field goal, missing six shots and committing three turnovers in that span as Maryland went up 75-60.

No. 2 Arizona 87, UCLA 52

LOS ANGELES — Salim Stoudamire scored 19 points and Arizona defeated hapless UCLA to complete its first sweep of the Los Angeles schools in 10 years.

The Wildcats (13-1) won their eighth in a row and remained atop the Pac-10 with a 6-0 record. They rallied to beat Southern California 81-72 Thursday and then sent the Bruins to their largest loss at Pauley Pavilion, which opened in 1965.

The previous record was a 104-82 loss to California on Jan. 24, 1993, when coach Steve Lavin was an assistant under Jim Harrick.

UCLA's 52 points equaled its worst output against Arizona since a 53-52 loss in 1985.

UCLA (4-9, 2-3) lost its fourth straight and dropped to 2-7 at Pauley, its most losses at home in a season. The 1987-88 team, coached by Walt Hazzard, lost six games at Pauley. T.J. Cummings with 12 points and Dijon Thompson with 10 points were UCLA's only double-figure scorers.

No. 3 Pittsburgh 73, No. 25 Syracuse 60

PITTSBURGH — Julius Page scored 25 points and Chevy Troutman came off the bench to add 23 as Pitt relied on inside scoring to beat Syracuse.

The Panthers, starting 14-1 for the second straight season, improved to 4-0 for the first time in 21 Big East seasons and ended Syracuse's 11-game winning streak.

Star Brandin Knight, a third-team All-American point guard, sat out for more than seven minutes into the second half after an accidental collision with 7-footer Craig Forth left him with a concussion.

But Pittsburgh built its lead from two points to 10 as Page hurt the Orangemen from the outside and Troutman got open underneath. He made 10 of 12 shots.

Gerry McNamara had 19 points to lead the Orangemen (11-2, 2-1).

No. 4 Texas 89, Texas A&M 61

AUSTIN, Texas — T.J. Ford scored a career-high 25 points with an array of pull-up jumpers, layups and one thunderous dunk to lead Texas over Texas A&M.

Ford was 9-for-16 from the floor, 7-for-7 from the foul line and had six steals before leaving with 3:51 left and Texas up 76-50.

Jason Klotz added 15 points and James Thomas had 16 rebounds for Texas (12-2, 3-0 Big 12), which has won seven in a row since losing at then-No. 1 Arizona on Dec. 15. The Longhorns have also won 27 of the past 30 in the series with in-state rival Texas A&M.

Bernard King led the Aggies (9-5, 1-2) with 16 points.

No. 5 Oklahoma 70, Iowa St. 60

AMES, Iowa — Bouncing back from his worst game of the season, Hollis Price made nine three-pointers and scored 31 points to lead Oklahoma past Iowa State.

College basketball

In its first game since losing at Oklahoma State 48-46 on a disputed shot, Oklahoma (11-3, 2-1 Big 12) made sure it wasn't put in that situation again.

The Sooners opened a 12-point lead in the first half and turned back Iowa State (10-4, 0-3) when the Cyclones made a second-half run.

Trailing 54-39, Iowa State got eight points from freshman Adam Haluska and five from Jake Sullivan, and the Cyclones closed to 58-53 on Haluska's three-pointer with 6:49 left.

But Price ended the run with a three from the left corner, pumping his fist as the ball dropped through the net, and the Sooners pulled away from there.

North Carolina 68, No. 6 Connecticut 65

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Rashad McCants scored 27 points, including the clinching free throws with 3.3 seconds left, as the Tar Heels beat the Huskies.

The ACC scoring leader was 7-for-11 from the field and 9-for-10 at the foul line as the Tar Heels improved to 11-5, beating their second top 10 team of the season a year after a program-worst 8-20 record.

Connecticut (11-2) trailed Massachusetts by 25 earlier in the season and came back to win, and the Huskies dug themselves a 19-point hole on the road less than 10 minutes into this one.

After the Huskies rallied to take a 65-64 lead with 1:16 remaining, Jawad Williams countered with the go-ahead basket on a 15-foot jumper 17 seconds later. McCants nailed two free throws, and Ben Gordon's 28-footer at the buzzer that would have tied it hit off the rim.

No. 6 Florida 77, South Carolina 75

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Matt Bonner scored 19 points, including a driving dunk with 35.3 seconds left, as Florida won its 11th straight game.

Matt Walsh had 17 points, eight rebounds and six assists, and Bonell Colas had a career high 16 points off the bench for the Gators (15-2, 4-0 Southeastern Conference).

Tony Kitchings and Kerbrell Brown each had 22 points for South Carolina (7-7, 1-3), which lost its third straight.

With the game tied at 72, the Gators quickly rushed downcourt and Walsh fed a perfect pass with Bonner driving the lane for the bucket.

Walsh added two free throws, Carlos Powell made a three for South Carolina with 4.9 seconds left to cut it to 76-75. Gators freshman Anthony Roberson made only one of two foul shots to give the Gamecocks one last chance, but Powell lost control and could only get off a desperation three before time ran out.

No. 18 Indiana 74, No. 8 Illinois 66

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Jeff Newton scored a career-high 28 points and had eight rebounds to lead the Hoosiers to the upset.

Nearly one year after setting a Big Ten record by making 17 three-pointers against the Illini, Indiana (13-3, 3-1 Big Ten) used the opposite approach — repeatedly going inside against the Illini's foul-prone middle — and made it work.

Brian Cook, Illinois' leading scorer, finished with 15 points, 10 fewer than his average before fouling out with 4:59 to go.

Freshman Dee Brown had 18 to lead the Illini (12-3, 2-2).

Auburn 77, No. 9 Alabama 68

AUBURN, Ala. — Reserve Brandon Robinson had 13 points and seven rebounds to lead surprising Auburn over struggling Alabama.

The Crimson Tide (12-3, 2-2 SEC) has lost three of their past five games after being ranked No. 1 earlier this season.

Auburn (15-2, 4-0) was picked to finish near the bottom of the conference, but the Tigers jumped to a quick 8-0 lead and dominated Alabama most of the game.

Auburn leads the SEC West by two games.

No. 16 Kentucky 88, No. 10 Notre Dame 73

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Chuck Hayes had 17 points, 16 rebounds and five assists — all career highs — to lead Kentucky.

Marquis Estill 14 of his 18 points in the second half

for the Wildcats (13-3), who beat the Irish for the ninth straight time.

Matt Carroll scored 29 and Chris Thomas added 14 for Notre Dame (14-3), which shot 34 percent. Thomas had nine turnovers.

No. 24 Oklahoma St. 76, No. 11 Missouri 56

STILLWATER, Okla. — Victor Williams scored a season-high 24 points, and Oklahoma State put on another stifling defensive performance to win its 12th straight.

Melvin Sanders added 15 points and shut down Missouri's leading scorer, Rickey Paulding, who had 10 points — seven below his average.

Oklahoma State (14-1, 3-0 Big 12) scored 43 points in the first half, nearly matching its total in Monday night's 48-46 victory over No. 5 Oklahoma.

Missouri (10-3, 1-1) played without second-leading scorer Ricky Clemons, who was suspended after being charged Friday with second-degree domestic assault against a 20-year-old woman.

No. 12 Kansas 81, Kansas St. 64

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kirk Hinrich scored 26 points as Kansas extended its winning streak over Kansas State to 25 games.

Hinrich played all but the last 2:52 for the Jayhawks (13-3, 3-0 Big 12), who opened the game with a 15-0 run to win their 10th straight overall.

Gilson DeJesus scored 15 points on 4-for-8 shooting from three-point range to lead Kansas State (10-6, 1-2), which hasn't beaten the Jayhawks since Jan. 17, 1994.

Nick Collison added 16 points and Keith Langford had 14 for Kansas, which extended its conference winning streak to 23. Jeff Graves had 13 rebounds, his fifth straight double-digit rebounding game.

No. 13 Creighton 85, S. Illinois 76

OMAHA, Neb. — Kyle Korver had 24 points and 11 rebounds to help Creighton overcome a 13-point deficit.

Korver, held to one three-pointer and seven points in the first half, hit three three-pointers in 56 seconds to turn a 47-44 deficit into a 53-50 lead with 13:47 left in the game. His fifth three-pointer gave the Bluejays (15-1, 6-0 Missouri Valley) a 65-62 lead.

Jermaine Dearman led the Salukis (10-4, 5-1) with 18 points.

No. 15 Louisville 87, TCU 74

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Marvin Stone had 22 points and eight rebounds as Louisville won its 11th straight.

Reece Gaines added 20 points and eight assists, but he also had six turnovers as the Cardinals (12-1) looked a bit sloppy after a late Thursday game at East Carolina. Louisville turned it over 23 times.

Cory Santee and Jamal Brown each had 16 points to lead Texas Christian (6-9), which had 24 turnovers.

No. 20 Georgia 81, Arkansas 64

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Ezra Williams scored 19 points and Georgia held Arkansas to 15 first-half points.

Jarvis Hayes added 15 points for Georgia (10-4, 2-1 Southeastern Conference), which won at Arkansas for the first time in six meetings.

Eric Ferguson 17 points and Kendrick Davis 15 for the Razorbacks (5-9, 0-3), who have lost five in a row for the first time since Nolan Richardson's first year at Arkansas in the 1985-86 season.

Georgia had its eight-game winning streak snapped last Saturday in a 66-63 loss to No. 11 Florida, but had few problems against Arkansas in taking a 33-15 halftime lead.

No. 21 Marquette 67, Charlotte 64

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Dwyane Wade scored 20 points and Marquette won its first game in Charlotte with a victory over the 49ers.

The Golden Eagles (12-3, 4-1 Conference USA) were 0-8 in Charlotte and played most of the game as if they would remain winless there.

Demon Brown, who hit a career-high nine threes in Tuesday's victory over UAB, finished with 23 points for Charlotte (7-8, 2-2) and was 6-for-15 from three-point range.

UConn women's drive goes to record 55

BY DONNA TOMMELLE

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut made women's basketball history Saturday — then celebrated as if it won a national championship.

The third-ranked Huskies got 22 points from All-American junior Diana Taurasi and overcame a poor first-half shooting performance in a 72-49 win over Georgetown for their 55th straight win, surpassing the mark of 54 wins set by Louisiana Tech in 1980-82.

With 30 seconds remaining, the crowd of 16,294 at the Hartford Civic Center began a standing ovation that lasted well after the final buzzer. The team gathered at midcourt and received T-shirts and caps marking the milestone victory. Taurasi and teammate Jessica Moore tossed their gifts into the crowd.

"We're the first team ever to do it," Taurasi said. "I think it feels great, and now we can put it behind us. I think we set a new standard of play."

For a program that has dominated the sport for the last five years, it seemed like breaking the Lady Techsters' record would be only a matter of time.

UConn went 39-0 and won its third national title in seven years last season. The Huskies' last loss was on March 30, 2001, a 90-75 setback to eventual national champion Notre Dame in the NCAA semifinals.

"Winning 55 in a row, that's pretty special in any sport," Taurasi said. "It ranks up there. A little bit behind the national championship, but it's up there."

Now that UConn has the record, it could be in jeopardy quickly. The Huskies play at No. 21 Notre Dame on Monday and travel to top-ranked Duke on Feb. 1.

UCLA holds the Division I men's record with an 88-game winning streak from 1971-74.

In the past three seasons, the Huskies have a 123-4 record under coach Geno Auriemma, now in his 18th year. Auriemma, who has had a migraine headache since Friday, left immediately after the game and did not attend the postgame news conference.

Assistant coach Jamelle Elliot, a member of UConn's 35-0 national championship team in 1995, said the pressure to keep winning is much greater now.

"For these kids to come here now, because of the spotlight that this program has, you're expected to win every day," Elliot said. "That's a whole lot of pressure for a 17- or 18-year-old. My hat's off to them."

UConn (16-0, 4-0 Big East) led from the outset Saturday, and the Hoyas (11-3, 2-2) couldn't get closer than nine points in the second half.

The Huskies broke the game open with a 19-2 second-half run. Taurasi's three-pointer with 14:39 left initiated a spurt that ended four minutes later with Ann Strother's two free throws, giving UConn its largest lead of the game at 51-25.

UConn shot just 18 percent in the first half, but built a 29-13 lead by the break. It was the second straight game the Huskies struggled from the floor after shooting 30 percent in Wednesday's win at Seton Hall. Taurasi acknowledged the pressure may have gotten to them.

"We were probably a little uptight the last two games knowing there was so much at stake," Taurasi said.

Georgetown coach Pat Knapp said the streak was a testament to UConn's consistency but irrelevant to what Auriemma is striving for this year.

"One game is not the issue," Knapp said. "Is UConn going to be better when they go down to Duke? Are they going to be better come the Big East tournament? I'm sure Geno would gladly take a loss or two to get to a national title. Strength, consistency over a long period of time, that's the tribute," Knapp said.

Flyers 3, Lightning 2

PHILADELPHIA — Michal Handzus scored the tiebreaking goal with 7:23 left as Philadelphia beat Tampa Bay 3-2 Saturday.

Mark Recchi and Kim Johnsson each had a goal and an assist, and Robert Esche had 12 saves for the Flyers, who held Tampa Bay to a season-low 14 shots.

Handzus has a team-high five game-winning goals for Philadelphia, which won for the eighth time in nine games Tampa Bay's Vincent Lecavalier, who is 22 years, 9 months, became the youngest active player to reach 100 goals.

Vaclav Prospal scored the other goal and Dan Boyle added two assists for the Lightning, winless in four games (0-3-1). They have lost five straight on the road.

Bruins 7, Blue Jackets 2

BOSTON — Glen Murray, Jonathan Girard and P.J. Axelsson scored 2:48 apart in the second period and struggling Boston beat Columbus.

Joe Thornton, Mike Knuble, Bryan Berard and P.J. Stock scored Boston's other goals. The Bruins won for just the fourth time in 19 games (4-14-1) after opening the season 19-4-3-1.

Andrew Cassels and Jaroslav Spacek had Columbus' goals.

Senators 5, Capitals 2

OTTAWA — Daniel Alfredsson and Radek Bonk scored two goals each as Ottawa won its fifth straight game.

The Senators had a sellout for the second time in three games since majority owner Rod Bryden appealed for more fan support after the club filed for bankruptcy protection.

Martin Havlat also scored for Ottawa.

Patrick Lalime's shutout streak stretched to 18:06 before Michael Nylander gave Washington a 1-0 lead. Robert Lang had the other goal for the Capitals.

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Marquette's Robert Jackson scored on a layup, was fouled and made the free throw for a 63-61 lead with 1:36 to play. Travis Diener made two free throws with 16 seconds left to give the Eagles a four-point lead.

Brown made his sixth three-pointer with 2.8 seconds to play, and the 49ers fouled and Steve Novak made one of two free throws to make it 67-64 lead with 1.7 to go. Charlotte had one final chance, but Wade intercepted the long inbound pass and heaved it toward Marquette's basket as time expired.

No. 22 Oregon 79, Oregon St. 68

EUGENE, Ore. — Luke Ridnour and Luke Jackson

combined on a second-half surge that gave Oregon a victory over Oregon State.

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Oregon State (7-7, 0-5) has lost five straight under first-year coach Jay John. The Beavers were paced by Philip Ricci with 24 points and 11 rebounds.

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NHL

Maple Leafs 3, Canadiens 2 (OT)

MONTREAL — Nik Antropov scored 56 seconds into overtime as Toronto spoiled new Montreal coach Claude Julien's NHL debut.

Trailing 2-0 after the first, Montreal came back on Yanic Perreault's goal late in the second and Mariusz Czerkawski's score 12:54 into the third to force overtime.

Antropov's goal gave Toronto its third straight victory. Travis Green and Robert Reichel scored 5:21 apart in the first for the Maple Leafs, who have won six of eight.

Mikael Tellqvist stopped nine of the 10 shots to claim the victory after taking over from Trevor Kidd, who left in the third period.

Julien, who had no previous NHL coaching experience, was promoted from Hamilton of the AHL on Friday. He replaced Michel Therrien, fired after the Canadiens won just two of 12 games.

Panthers 3, Penguins 0

SUNRISE, Fla. — Roberto Luongo stopped 35 shots for his second consecutive shutout as Florida beat Pittsburgh.

The Penguins were without Mario Lemieux for the fifth time in six games. Lemieux, the NHL's leading scorer, is out because of a groin injury.

Olli Jokinen and Jay Bouwmeester scored second-period goals, and Andreas Lilja added one in the third for Florida, which won its second straight after a nine-game winless streak at home was snapped Wednesday.

With his fourth shutout of the season, Luongo tied John Vanbiesbrouck's team record of 13 career shutouts. It was the first time a Panthers goalie recorded consecutive shutouts.

Devils 5, Hurricanes 2

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Patrik Elias scored twice, and streaking New Jersey matched its season high with three power-play goals.

Michael Rupp, John Madden and Turner Stevenson also scored as the Devils extended their season-high unbeaten streak to seven games (6-0-1). It was New Jersey's second victory over the Hurricanes in as many nights.

Kevyn Adams and Erik Cole scored for Carolina, winless in seven games (0-5-1-1). The defending Eastern Conference champion Hurricanes are 1-8-1-1 in their past 11.

The Devils, 29th in the league with the extra man, made the most of eight power-play chances. They killed off all five of the Hurricanes' man-advantages.

Elias has seven goals in eight games after getting one in the previous 19.

Blues 4, Blackhawks 2

ST. LOUIS — Eric Boguniecki set up two goals in a 44-second span of the third period for St. Louis.

Martin Rucinsky benefited from Boguniecki's forechecking and beat rookie goalie Michael Leighton at 4:17 of the third to break a 1-1 tie. Alexander Khavanov scored on a one-timer off Boguniecki's setup from behind the net at 5:01.

The Blues are 5-1-0-2 in their past seven games and pulled six points ahead of the Blackhawks for second place in the Central Division. The Blackhawks earned at least one point in 14 of the previous 15 games (7-1-4-3).

Dallas Drake also scored and Brent Johnson made 32 saves for the Blues.

Lyle Odelein and Mike Eastwood scored for Chicago.

Predators 3, Oilers 2 (OT)

EDMONTON, Alberta — Andy Delmore scored 3:35 into overtime as Nashville rallied to beat Edmonton.

Delmore beat Jussi Markkanen from the slot for his 15th goal, to lift the Predators to their fourth straight road victory over the Oilers. Vladimir Orszagh forced overtime by scoring his fourth goal in three games with 1:02 left in regulation.

Mike York and Jason Chimera scored for the Oilers, who ended their four-game homestand 2-1-0-1. They are 5-1-1-1 in their past eight.

David Legwand also scored for the Predators, who won for the first time in four road games (1-2-1) but are 4-2-2 in their past eight overall.

Mighty Ducks 1, Wild 0

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 33 saves in his league-leading sixth shutout and Paul Kariya scored the only goal for Anaheim.

Giguere, who posted his 14th career shutout, is tied with Chicago's Jocelyn Thibault with six this season.

Kariya snapped a career-worst streak of 12 games without a goal when he scored in the first period. Just over five minutes in, Kariya intercepted a pass by Antti Laaksonen at the Wild blue line and ripped a slap shot past Minnesota goalie Dwayne Roloson.

Giguere won his fourth straight decision and 10th in 14 games.

Sabres 1, Coyotes 0

PHOENIX — Curtis Brown scored a short-handed goal early in the third period as surging Buffalo beat slumping Phoenix.

Martin Biron had 30 saves for his second shutout of the season and 13th of his four-year career. Rookie Zac Bierk stopped 22 shots for Phoenix, 0-4-1-1 since a season-high, four-game winning streak ended.

Bierk has 143 saves on 149 shots in five games, including four starts.

The Sabres have earned 14 of their 36 points in nine games (6-1-1-1).

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College basketball continued

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ries that dates to the 1902-03 season. Oregon State leads the overall series 176-141. The Ducks have won 18 of the past 19 meetings, including eight in a row.

Mississippi 67, No. 23 LSU 57

BATON ROUGE — Aaron Harper scored 10 of his 16 points in the final eight minutes to lead Mississippi to the victory.

Jaime Lloreda scored 14 points and Ronald Dupree had 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead LSU (12-3, 1-2 SEC), which made just one field goal over the final 9:52.

Ole Miss (10-4, 1-2) shot 50 percent and held the Tigers to 28 percent shooting in the second half.

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NBA

76ers 88, Wizards 80

WASHINGTON — Allen Iverson scored 26 points and Philadelphia held off a late rally led by Michael Jordan to beat Washington 88-80 Saturday night.

Eric Snow matched his season-high with 19 points, and Keith Van Horn had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the 76ers, who won for only the second time in nine games.

Jordan scored 25 points on 10-for-25 shooting, and he had seven points and two assists among constant double teams in the final five minutes as the Wizards cut a 12-point deficit to two.

Knicks 95, Hawks 92

ATLANTA — Clarence Weatherspoon scored a season-high 18 off the bench and Allan Houston added 24 as the New York Knicks won for the second time in five games.

Jason Terry missed a three-pointer with a couple of seconds left that would have tied it.

Glenn Robinson finished with 27 for the Hawks, who lost their fourth straight. They had won two in a row at home.

Trailing 93-92 with 18 seconds left, Atlanta had a chance to take the lead. But Shaheed Abdul-Rahim shot an airball from about 10 feet, and New York point guard Charlie Ward corralled the rebound.

Pacers 88, Pistons 86

INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal scored 17 points and hit the winning jumper as time expired, a shot that officials reviewed for about 15 minutes before ruling O'Neal had gotten it off in time.

Officials Joe DeRosa, Jess Kersey and Courtney Kirkland studied the replay, talked with the coaches and then headed to midcourt for more discussion before making their decision.

The NBA added instant replay this year, permitting officials to review plays in the final few seconds of any quarter.

The Pacers inbounded the ball with 24.1 seconds left and television replays seemed to indicate the ball left O'Neal's hands with four-tenths of a second left. The game clock read 0.0, however.

O'Neal raised his hands in triumph when the decision was announced to the crowd.

Timberwolves 104, Trail Blazers 98

PORTLAND, Ore. — Kevin Garnett had 31 points and 20 rebounds Saturday night as Minnesota defeated Portland, who were without star forward Rasheed Wallace.

Rod Strickland, a former Blazer, had 12 points and 10 assists for the Timberwolves, who won for the third time in four games.

Wally Szczerbiak had 16 points off the bench.

The Timberwolves took control of a close game early in the fourth with an 11-2 run. Portland got to within two at 100-98 with 18 seconds left, but Szczerbiak hit a pair of free throws to push the margin back to four with 17.4 seconds left.

Derek Anderson then missed a three-pointer with about 10 seconds remaining, and came down on a defender's foot and rolled his ankle.

Garnett iced the game with a pair of free throws for the final margin.

Heat 102, Bulls 101 (2OT)

MIAMI — Brian Grant's layup with 7.6 seconds left in the second overtime gave Miami a victory over Chicago, who have now lost 19 straight on the road.

The Bulls had a chance to win at the buzzer, but Jalen Rose's 22-foot jumper rolled off the rim.

Eddie Jones assisted on the decisive basket following a wild sequence of events after Grant missed two free throws with 16.6 seconds remaining and the Heat down 101-100.

The rebound from the second missed free throw was batted beyond midcourt, but Miami's Mike James made an over-the-head save, and the ball ended up in Jones' hands. While driving to the basket, Jones found Grant for the open layup.

Celtics 97, Bucks 95

MILWAUKEE — Antoine Walker scored 25 points and Paul Pierce made a key jumper with 35.9 seconds left as Boston won its third straight.

Kedrick Brown added a career-high 14 points and 10 rebounds in his first start for the Celtics, who had lost eight of 10 before their modest winning streak.

The Bucks trailed by 16 points with 11:32 to play before going on an 11-0 run, but the rally fell short when they missed two crucial free throws late in the game.

Jazz 95, Cavaliers 78

SALT LAKE CITY — Matt Harpring scored 22 points as Utah won its fourth straight.

Calbert Cheaney, who hadn't reached double figures in five games, added 13 points for the Jazz, who needed a big second half to send the Cavs to their fourth consecutive loss.

Ricky Davis scored 25 points, but had only three after halftime as the Cavaliers, playing for the second night in a row, couldn't sustain their intensity in the second half.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 21 points for Cleveland, which hasn't won in Utah since 1989, a span of 13 games.

Clippers 112, Kings 107

LOS ANGELES — Andre Miller made seven free throws in the final four minutes, including two with 35 seconds remaining that put Los Angeles ahead to stay.

The Clippers capitalized on a huge disparity in free throws.

They went 38-for-46 from the line, including Miller's 10-for-10.

The Kings shot only seven free throws, making five and were outscored 19-0 from the line in the fourth quarter.

The Clippers' victory before a cheering, sellout crowd of 20,037 came on the heels of one of their worst games in franchise history, a 95-64 loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday.

Elton Brand scored 34 points, his most ever for the Clippers.

Lamar Odom added 24 and Corey Maggette 21 for Los Angeles, which won for just the third time in 11 games.

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Scores/standings

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	28	11	.718	—
Boston	23	17	.575	5½
Philadelphia	21	19	.525	7½
Washington	20	20	.500	8½
Orlando	20	21	.488	9
New York	15	23	.395	12½
Miami	14	26	.350	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	29	11	.725	—
Detroit	26	13	.667	2½
New Orleans	21	20	.512	8½
Milwaukee	19	21	.475	10
Atlanta	14	26	.350	15
Chicago	14	26	.350	15
Toronto	10	30	.250	19
Cleveland	8	34	.190	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	31	7	.816	—
San Antonio	25	14	.641	6½
Utah	24	15	.615	7½
Houston	23	15	.605	8
Minnesota	22	18	.550	10
Memphis	12	27	.308	19½
Denver	10	29	.256	21½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	29	11	.725	—
Phoenix	25	16	.610	4½
Portland	23	15	.605	5
L.A. Lakers	18	21	.462	10½
Seattle	17	21	.447	11
Golden State	17	22	.436	11½
L.A. Clippers	15	24	.385	13½

Saturday's games

New York 95, Atlanta 92
Indiana 88, Detroit 86
Philadelphia 88, Washington 80
Miami 102, Chicago 101, 2OT
Boston 97, Milwaukee 95
Utah 95, Cleveland 78
Minnesota 104, Portland 98
L.A. Clippers 112, Sacramento 107

Men's basketball
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Saturday

1. Duke (12-1) lost to No. 17 Maryland 87-72. Next: at North Carolina State, Wednesday.
2. Arizona (13-1) beat UCLA 87-52. Next: vs. Arizona State, Wednesday.
3. Pittsburgh (14-1) beat No. 25 Syracuse 73-60. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
4. Texas (12-2) beat Texas A&M 89-61. Next: vs. No. 11 Missouri, Saturday.
5. Oklahoma (11-3) beat Iowa State 70-60. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Monday.
6. Connecticut (11-2) lost to North Carolina 68-65. Next: at Miami, Monday.
6. Florida (15-2) beat South Carolina 77-75. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Wednesday.
8. Illinois (12-3) lost to No. 18 Indiana 74-66. Next: vs. Purdue, Wednesday.
9. Alabama (12-3) lost to Auburn 77-68. Next: at Mississippi, Tuesday.
10. Notre Dame (14-3) lost to No. 16 Kentucky 88-73. Next: at Providence, Tuesday.
11. Missouri (10-3) lost to No. 24 Oklahoma State 76-56. Next: vs. Iowa State, Tuesday.
12. Kansas (13-3) beat Kansas State 81-64. Next: at Colorado, Wednesday.
13. Creighton (15-1) beat Southern Illinois 85-76. Next: vs. Illinois State, Monday.
14. Mississippi State (10-4) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Wednesday.

15. Louisville (12-1) beat Texas Christian 87-74. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.

16. Kentucky (13-3) beat No. 10 Notre Dame 88-73. Next: vs. Auburn, Wednesday.

17. Maryland (10-4) beat No. 1 Duke 87-72. Next: at North Carolina, Wednesday.

18. Indiana (13-3) beat No. 8 Illinois 74-66. Next: vs. Ohio State, Tuesday.

19. Wake Forest (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Sunday.

20. Georgia (10-4) beat Arkansas 81-64. Next: vs. Tennessee, Wednesday.

21. Marquette (12-3) beat Charlotte 67-64. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.

22. Oregon (12-4) beat Oregon State 79-68. Next: vs. Washington, Thursday.

23. LSU (12-3) lost to Mississippi 67-57. Next: at Arkansas, Wednesday.

24. Oklahoma State (14-1) beat No. 11 Missouri 76-56. Next: at Baylor, Tuesday.

25. Syracuse (11-2) lost to No. 3 Pittsburgh 73-60. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Wednesday.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	27	12	3	3	60	115	88
Philadelphia	25	11	8	1	59	113	96
Pittsburgh	20	19	3	5	48	129	137
N.Y. Islanders	20	18	5	2	47	127	134
N.Y. Rangers	19	22	6	1	45	120	143

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	30	10	5	1	66	156	97
Toronto	25	17	4	1	55	135	116
Boston	23	18	4	1	51	140	125
Montreal	18	19	5	5	46	124	140
Buffalo	14	23	6	2	36	100	119

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	21	18	5	3	50	131	130
Tampa Bay	18	18	6	4	46	125	135
Florida	14	15	9	8	45	106	136
Carolina	16	21	6	4	42	101	127
Atlanta	14	25	2	4	34	116	164

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	26	12	7	1	60	137	110
St. Louis	25	13	5	4	59	149	114
Chicago	21	15	8	3	53	113	108
Columbus	17	23	4	2	40	131	146
Nashville	14	20	8	4	40	101	124

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	27	14	5	0	59	145	121
Edmonton	22	14	5	6	55	130	124
Minnesota	23	16	7	1	54	118	103
Colorado	17	14	9	5	48	129	121
Calgary	15	22	7	3	40	99	128

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	26	10	10	1	63	146	94
Anaheim	19	17	7	3	48	111	113
Los Angeles	18	20	4	4	44	116	129
San Jose	16	19	6	4	42	119	138
Phoenix	15	20	7	4	41	109	131

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Saturday's games

Philadelphia 3, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 7, Columbus 2
Ottawa 5, Washington 2
Toronto 3, Montreal 2, OT
Florida 3, Pittsburgh 0
New Jersey 5, Carolina 2
St. Louis 4, Chicago 2
Nashville 3, Edmonton 2, OT
Anaheim 1, Minnesota 0
Buffalo 1, Phoenix 0
Calgary 2, Los Angeles 1, OT
Dallas 3, San Jose 1

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Stars 3, Sharks 1

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Jason Arnott had a goal and an assist to lead Dallas past San Jose.

Scott Young and Brenden Morrow also scored for the well-rested Stars, 7-3-2 in their past 12 games against the Sharks. Dallas played its first game in a week.

The Stars also extended their unbeaten streak to 10 games (8-0-2), their best run in nearly two years.

Todd Harvey scored for the Sharks, who fell to 1-5-2 in their past eight games.

NHL continued

Right wing Claude Lemieux played his first game for the Stars since he being traded by the Phoenix Coyotes on Thursday.

Flames 2, Kings 1 (OT)

CALGARY, Alberta — Rob Niedermayer's breakaway goal 2:42 into overtime helped Calgary snap a five-game winless streak.

Flames defenseman Toni Lydman checked the puck away from Jason Allison in Calgary's end and it bounced into the neutral zone.

Niedermayer chased it, with two Kings in close pursuit, and he raced in on goalie Felix Potvin to fire in a high shot.

Craig Conroy also scored for Calgary.

Ziggy Palffy scored a short-handed goal for Los Angeles, which has lost nine of 11.

Roman Turek finished with 18 saves to improve to 13-17-5.

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